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 This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36. 			
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:			
I Basis of the report			
II Priority			
III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability			
IV Lack of unity of invention			
Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement			
VI Certain documents cited			
VII Certain defects in the international application			
VIII Certain observations on the international application			
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I. Basis of the report

The basis of international preliminary examination report is the application as originally filed.

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability

In light of the documents cited in the international search report, it is considered that the invention as defined in the claims meets the criteria mentioned in Article 33(1) PCT, i.e. it appears to be novel and to involve an inventive step.